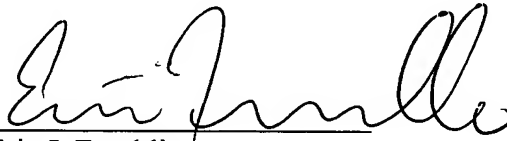


REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are before the Examiner. Applicants have amended the claims to delete multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee. Applicants have also amended the claims to delete reference characters. The present invention is not limited to any particular embodiment described and/or shown in the specification and/or drawings. Additionally, Applicants have amended the claims to place them in a format more along the lines of standard U.S. practice. An early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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